



LEELANAU COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/9-1-1

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Immediate Release

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Leelanau County Emergency Management meets with state officials, begins collecting fallen tree debris

Lansing, Mich. – Within 24 hours of Gov. Rick Snyder directing the Michigan State Police to amend a disaster declaration to include Leelanau County, local and state emergency management officials met to plan a path toward normalcy for communities affected by the severe thunderstorms that occurred more than two weeks ago.

“We have exhausted all of our resources and are looking to the state to provide our communities much-needed disaster relief,” said Matt Ansorge, Leelanau County Emergency Management Coordinator. “I want to thank Governor Snyder for his commitment toward our county's recovery by having the disaster declaration amended.”

Throughout Leelanau County, there is an extraordinary amount of fallen tree debris. State resources, like personnel, heavy equipment and contracts, will be used to ensure a controlled and orderly removal and disposal of debris in partnership with local efforts.

“We are beginning our planning process so we can inject state resources into the areas of Leelanau County where it's needed the most,” said Captain Chris A. Kelenske, Deputy State Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division. “Our priority right now is to look at how to implement a debris management plan that can remove the fallen trees as quickly as possible.”

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Debris Drop-Off Site Open

A debris drop-off site has been opened to accept fallen tree debris from Leelanau County residents. Anyone with debris should drop it off at the following location Monday through Saturday:

- Kasson Township, 1397 W. Burdickville Road
 - Myles Kimmerly Park
 - Open: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Use of this site is **FREE** for Leelanau County citizens. Only organic debris—like trees, limbs and brush—will be accepted.

Local residents are now allowed to pick up timber at this debris drop-off location.

Commercial trucks, contractors and dump truck operators should drop off their debris to the following location Monday through Friday:

- Kasson Township, 10282 S. Pierce Road
 - Kasson Sand and Gravel
 - Open: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Commercial trucks, contractors and dump trucks are advised to take large loads of debris to Kasson Sand and Gravel as they have agreed to offer large discounted rates for disposal into their pits at \$6 per cubic yard.

For more information about debris drop-off locations, go to www.leelanau.cc

About the Disaster

Snyder declared a "state of disaster" on Aug. 10 for Grand Traverse County after severe thunderstorms caused widespread and severe damage on Aug. 2. Upon direction of the governor, the MSP/EMHSD amended the declaration to include Leelanau County on Aug. 14.

By declaring a "state of disaster," the state of Michigan has made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the disaster area.

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